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SUBJECT: OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO SECRETARY MORTON FROM
SENATOR JACKSON REGARDING TT OVERSIGHT HEARINGS. PLEASE BE
PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OUTLINED THEREIN:

"MY LETTER OF JANUARY 14, 1975, ADVISED YOU THAT THE
COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT AN OVERSIGHT HEARING INTO THE
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS ON MARCH 10 AND 12. THE HEARING WILL SPECIFICALLY BE
CONCERNED WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PROGRAM FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY BUT WILL ALSO ADDRESS OTHER

ISSUES WHICH HAVE ARISEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE
COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

IN ORDER TO PROPERLY
EVALUATE AND DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S
PRESENT AND FUTURE POLICIES TOWARDS MICRONESIA, THE COMMITTEE
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WILL REQUIRE A WITNESS WHO IS COMPETENT TO SPEAK FOR THE

DEPARTMENT AND WHO HAS FAMILIARITY WITH THE ISSUES. DUE TO THE RECENT CHANGES IN THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIES, I BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR EITHER YOU OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUGHES TO BE PRESENT.

THE QUESTIONS OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE EXTENT TO WHICH FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS WILL BE EXPLORED AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SOLICITOR'S OFFICE BE PRESENT TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS.

I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PRESENT TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY(

HIGH COMMISSIONER - EDWARD JOHNSTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL - RICHARD MIYAMOTO

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - JAMES WHEELER

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION - JOSEPH BEADLES

TERRITORIAL PLANNER - PHILLIP CHAMBERLAIN

FORMER BUDGET AND PLANNING OFFICER - WILLIAM OYWER

DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR ROLE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWPOINTS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT AT A MINIMUM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS OF PONAPE AND YAP BE INCLUDED.

SEVERAL ISSUES HAVE ARISEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION WHICH THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE DURING THE HEARING. TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE AVAILABLE DURING THE HEARING:

JESSIE QUIGLEY - TRUST TERRITORY LIAISON OFFICER,
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MODDY TIDWELL, III - ASSISTANT SOLICITOR, DEPT OF THE
INTERIOR

IVAN KESTNER - SPECIAL AGENT, AUDIT AND INSPECTION

IN ORDER TO HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PROGRAMS AND NEEDS, AND TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT PHYSICAL SITUATION AND PROSPECTIVE PROGRAMS, THE DEPARTMENT'S OPENING STATEMENT OR STATEMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE:

(1) A STATEMENT OF THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY; IN PARTICULAR A STATEMENT OF THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS INTENDED AT THE TIME PERMANENT STATUS ARRANGEMENTS ARE ACHIEVED.

(2) A DETAILED DISCUSSION, ON A DISTRICT-BY-DISTRICT BASIS, OF THE PRESENT AND PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC FACILITIES SUCH AS DOCKS, RGADS, WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES, AIRPORTS, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.THESE DISCUSSION SHOULD INDICATE THE EXTENT AND CONDITION OF THE PRESENT INFRASTRUCTURE, THE STATUS OF PRESENT CONTRACTS, AND THE NATURE AND EXPECTED COST OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH REMAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THE USE OF MAPS AND OTHER EXHIBITS TO INDICATE DISTRICT CENTERS, PRESENT ROADS, EXTENT OF ELECTRICAL, WATER, AND SEWAGE SERVICE, ETC., FOR EACH OF THE DISTRICTS MIGHT BE INFORMATIVE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH MICRONESIA.

(3) THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE DEPT OF THE INTERIOR, THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS IN SAIPAN, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES. THE DISCUSSION SHOULD ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS OF EACH ENTITY IN PROGRAM FORMULATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND BUDGETING.

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(4) THE PRESENT LEAVE STATUS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR APPROPRIATED FUNDS. THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE RESPONSE OF JAN. 14 OF SOLICITOR KENT FRIZZELL TO MY DEC. 19 REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO OFFICIALS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.

(5) THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT PLANS AND POLICY WITH RESPECT TO MEDICAL EVACUATION PROGRAMS IN MICRONESIA, EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE USE OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL, DEVELOPMENT OF A COHERENT TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BETWEEN DISTRICTS AND POSSIBLE USE OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION IN FORMULATING THE IMPLEMENTING SURFACE TRANS-

PORTATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IN INSURING
RELIABILITY AND SAFETY OF AIR SERVICE.

(6) PRESENT CONTRACTING PROCEDURES, THIS DISCUSSION
SHOULD INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE CONTRACTING PROCESS FROM
A/E DESIGN THROUGH FINAL REVIEW OF THE COMPLETED PROJECT
INCLUDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE ARMY AND THE NAVY, THE
NUMBER AND CAPABILITIES INCLUDING PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE
CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN MICRONESIA, AND ANY
PLANS THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TO IMPROVE CONTRACT PERFORMANCE
AND/OR ATTRACT LARGER CONTRACTORS.

AS IS EVIDENT FROM THE ABOVE LIST, THE OVERSIGHT WILL BE
LENGTHY AND INVOLVED. THE PREPARED STATEMENTS SHOULD BE
DETAILED AND APPROPRIATELY SUMMARIZED IN THE ORAL
PRESENTATION. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE HEARING AND AVOID
UNDUE COMPLICATIONS, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSULTING WITH
MR. JAMES P. BEIRNE, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE COMMITTEE AND
ME. DANIEL A. DREYFUS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR LEGISLATION,
CONCERNING THE FORMAT FOR THE HEARING.

DUE TO THE INVOLVED NATURE OF THE HEARING, THE COMMITTEE
MUST INSIST THAT COPIES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OPENING STATEMENT
BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MARCH 6."
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